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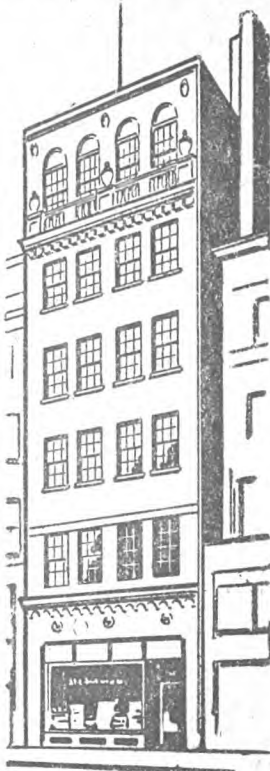
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## Salutation

"We go down to salute the children of the king"—II Kings 10:13

*Dearly beloved friends:*

The Romish fantasy of the Christ-mas is once more with us on the calendar's circuit. As every enlightened child of God knows, and as we have had occasion to mention many times before, if there is any one fact established in history, it is that Christ was not born in December. But, whether we like it or not, the world chooses to celebrate December 25th as the birthday of Him who came to be King of the Jews. And so we suppose nothing is gained by kicking against the pricks; we may as well take advantage of the fact that at least some people will have their minds turned to the thought of our Lord's coming to earth, and all of its blessed associations, and we may as well make use of the occasion to bring what we can by way of testimony and honor and glory to His name. With the world staggering and groaning under the agonies of a collapsing civilization, with the forces of world nations being swiftly and defiantly marshalled under the banner of stark atheism, it may be well to remind these fore-runners of destruction and catastrophe that God is still in His heavens, and that He is still the Master of the world's ultimate destiny. It is He who is the Lord of history, it is He that has gathered the winds in His fist, it is He who will ultimately gather the multitudes of blasphemers into the valley of decision, and there require an accounting from them of their wicked deeds.

"I WEPT MUCH"

"And I wept much," the beloved disciple on the Isle of Patmos tells us in broken-hearted accents, "because no man was found worthy to open and read the book, neither to look thereon." Rev. 5:4.

Christ is the Lord of history: What if He had not come? What if He had not come in the exactitude of the "fullness of time?" What would have happened to Israel? What would have become of Rome? What would have become of the world? Dante's Inferno would be but a mild description of the terrors that would have swallowed up this old earth of ours. There is more than cursory meaning to the divine statement, "When the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law." Gal. 4:4.

In these 4th and 5th chapters of Revelation there is wrapt up the destiny of this world of ours. The Christ Who came down to this earth to

suffer, to die, and to rise again, is seen seated in the heavenly glories, and there are lightnings and thunders and voices. And there are the four beasts, "full of eyes before and behind." "And these beasts rest not day and night, saying Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come." And then the four and twenty elders join in that celestial oratorio, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

And now there appears a book, a book written within and on the backside; but the book is sealed with seven seals. And if a book is sealed, of course no one can read it until the seals are broken. Someone has remarked further that even if the seals were broken, we may lack the ability to understand what is written therein.

#### "TO THE TIME OF THE END"

Let us trace the origin of the Book with the Seals. In the prophet Daniel, we read in the 12th chapter of the terrible time of tribulation that is to come upon the earth, a prediction that was also confirmed and re-emphasized by our Lord. And we are awed, when we read further, to discover that the events of those last tragic days upon this earth are to be sealed up in a book. And we learn that to us who have been enlightened and have tasted of the blessings of salvation, to us has been given the keeping of the lights along the shore, until that greatest of all catastrophes shall burst with cyclonic devastation upon an unbelieving world. To us is given the program, "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." But now we turn to the sealing of the book, and we read:

But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river. And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders? And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever, that it shall be for a time, times, and a half; that when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished. And I heard but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things? And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Dan. 12:4-9.

And now has come "the time of the end." Now has come the time for the Master of world destinies to show His power. John wept bitterly because no one was found who could break the seals of the book; but suddenly, with dramatic announcement, one of the elders spoke up to the beloved disciple, "Weep not; behold the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof." And then we read something else, directly in the next verse, "I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him and sat upon the throne."

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So here is the explanation; the book of God's eternal destinies for Israel's restoration, for Israel's blessings, for Israel's ministry to the world nations, this book was shut and sealed by Daniel. It was to remain so, "until the time of the end," when the seals are to be broken and the mysteries revealed. And now this book, sealed by Daniel, is to be opened, and what the contents will reveal is unfolded to us as we follow the breaking of each seal. But with that sequence we are not here at the moment concerned. We are limiting ourselves to the grinding in, as it were, to the inmost fabric of our beings, the all-transcendent fact that Christ is the Lord of history, the Master of destinies. It is this book which gives to our Lord the title deeds to His purchased possession; for did He not die that He might redeem the world? Did He not pay the full price for world redemption? Does not the statement of Hebrews 12:2 settle the matter for all time? It reads, "Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

This Christ had pre-existent power with God. Notice that when He breaks the seals, there is nothing in the seals or in the book that gives to Him the powers of world destiny; there is no proof of title, no declaration as to His power. But He assumes power immediately. Because at the very sounding of His words, stroke succeeds stroke upon a rebellious, defiant world; vials of wrath are poured out upon men who even in that black hour will dare to curse God to His face; for we read in Revelation 16:9, "And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory."

## THE LAMB BECOMES THE LION

But notice what John saw; it is true that he was told to look upon the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David; but as he looks, he sees in the midst of the elders, "a Lamb, as it had been slain!" Which brings us to a heart-searching and a heart-warming truth:—Before the majestic Christ took the title of the Lion of Judah, He first became the Lamb slain. If He had not indeed first become the Lamb slain, there would have been in that celestial gathering no one competent or worthy to open the book. No creature would there have been who could furnish the price of redemption, and by a manifestation of His power, drive the enemy from the field, and make His title to a lost world good. The book, alas, would have been sealed forever, and we would indeed be among mortals the most miserable.

Not in vain and not without far-reaching significance did the beloved disciple stand one day upon the streets of Jerusalem to behold a sight that must have made his very eyes bulge with excitement and awe, and reverence. What a triumphant shout it must have been when He cried out to the multitude which filled the streets, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world!"

And this brings us back to the specific declaration that we find in the "Gospel of Gospels," as some great theologian has called the 53rd chapter of Isaiah. We read, with perhaps obscure understanding and puzzlement, the 7th verse:

He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not his mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

And so, He had to be the one, before He could be the other. This is the tragedy of Israel's Goluth (dispersion), that she failed to see that before He could come as King He must first come as the Lamb. He had to be the lamb slain, before He could be the Lion of the tribe of Judah. And so we read, also in Isaiah 53,

Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; because He hath poured out his soul unto death: and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He beareth the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors.

Let us go back again, this time clear to the dawn of history. We read the parting blessings which old father Jacob gave to the twelve sons. We are interested just now in Jacob's predictions to his son Judah, for here we discover some of the early rays of the sunlight of God's revelation as they burst through the dark clouds of man's ignorant gropings for wisdom. Read these prophetic words as Jacob addresses them to his son:

Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee. Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a law-giver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. Gen. 49:8-10.

Here is revealed who is the Lion of the tribe of Judah. It is none other than He, the Ancient of Days, "whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." And He is also not only the Lion of Judah, but the Root of David. David's kingdom, while great and illustrious, was only a shadow of what the kingdom is to be when He who shall come, shall shatter all nations into a million fragments and shall establish once and for all the everlasting throne of David on Mount Zion. From this Mount the Lord Himself shall announce to the world, "I have set my King upon my holy hill of Zion."

#### THE BATTLE IS NOT TO THE STRONG

It will take some powerful beatings for this earth's rulers to recognize that fact, which they will have to do ultimately. It will be the anti-Christ, with all of his might, with all of his insolence, with all of the marshalled hosts under his sway, who will meet his doom in that hour when the Lord shall breathe devastation and destruction from His nostrils. Other warriors have found out this truth to their dismay and humiliation. It is God who determines the ultimate destinies of peoples. It is God who calls the turn in courses of human events. Napoleon the world conqueror, learned this lesson to his utter confusion. He had many times defied God; many times his pride had fattened on his victories. But he was to come upon a day when he would find out who was the Master of world destiny. It was on his last and ill-fated campaign against Russia. He had planned in the most minute detail, every step of this campaign. It was to be a *tour de force*, and was to be the crowning achievement of his life, when he was to become lord of all that he surveyed. But now had come a day when he

people narrowly escaped complete destruction. See Zechariah 3:2 and I Corinthians 2:15. For the fifth and last time Amos notes that even so the people were not minded to return to the Lord. What a picture is before us, dear reader, of the obstinate heart of man which will not lightly turn to the Lord, nor, indeed, after many chastisements! May we ask God earnestly to deliver us from

such a heart of unbelief and wickedness.

PREPARE, O ISRAEL!

The very exhortation of the prophet to Israel to prepare themselves to meet God tells forth its own unspeakable urgency. The matter will not permit of delay; it cannot be avoided. How much more urgent is it this hour. May we help Israel to hear and live!



## Our Radio Ministry

### "THE CHOSEN PEOPLE BROADCAST"

WADC	Akron, Ohio	Friday	8:45 a. m.	1350 K. C.
WTNB	Birmingham, Ala.	Sunday	12:00 noon	1490 K. C.
WDEF	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Sunday	9:15 a. m.	1450 K. C.
WBTM	Danville, Va.	Sunday	10:30 a. m.	1400 K. C.
WHIO	Dayton, Ohio	Sunday	11:15 p. m.	1290 K. C.
WTIK	Durham, N. C.	Sunday	10:30 a. m.	730 K. C.
WEAU	Eau Claire, Wisc.	Sunday	9:00 a. m.	790 K. C.
WERC	Erie, Pa.	Sunday	9:30 a. m.	1230 K. C.
WGBR	Goldsboro, N. C.	Sunday	9:45 a. m.	1400 K. C.
WBIG	Greensboro, N. C.	Sunday	10:30 a. m.	1470 K. C.
WGTC	Greenville, N. C.	Sunday	9:45 a. m.	1490 K. C.
KWFC	Hot Springs, Ark.	Sunday	9:30 a. m.	1340 K. C.
KATL	Houston, Texas	Sunday	8:45 a. m.	1590 K. C.
WMBR	Jacksonville, Fla.	Sunday	9:45 a. m.	1400 K. C.
WJNC	Jacksonville, N. C.	Sunday	10:45 a. m.	1240 K. C.
KARK	Little Rock, Ark.	Sunday	10:15 a. m.	920 K. C.
KGLO	Mason City, Iowa	Sunday	8:15 a. m.	1300 K. C.
WKAT	Miami, Fla.	Sunday	7:45 a. m.	1360 K. C.
WHIT	New Bern, N. C.	Sunday	10:45 a. m.	1450 K. C.
WKST	Newcastle, Pa.	Sunday	9:30 a. m.	1280 K. C.
WINS	New York, N. Y.	Sunday	6:15 p. m.	1010 K. C.
KOCY	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Sunday	7:30 a. m.	1340 K. C.
WORZ	Orlando, Fla.	Sunday	9:30 a. m.	740 K. C.
WBEC	Pittsfield, Mass.	Sunday	10:15 a. m.	1490 K. C.
WRAL	Raleigh, N. C.	Sunday	10:30 a. m.	1240 K. C.
WFOY	St. Augustine, Fla.	Sunday	9:45 a. m.	1240 K. C.
WTOL	Toledo, Ohio	Sunday	10:00 a. m.	1230 K. C.
KFBI	Wichita, Kans.	Sunday	7:15 a. m.	1070 K. C.
WGTM	Wilson, N. C.	Sunday	7:30 a. m.	1340 K. C.
CKPC	Brantford, Canada	Sunday	8:45 a. m.	1380 K. C.
CKTB	St. Catharines, Ont., Canada	Saturday	8:30 a. m.	1550 K. C.

### "MESSAGE OF THE CHRISTIAN JEW"

CMCQ	Havana, Cuba, "Voice of Cuba"	Sunday	8:30 a. m.	1460 K. C.
COBQ	Havana, Cuba	Sunday	8:30 a. m.	9235 K. C.
HCJB	Quito, Ecuador—"Voice of the Andes." Short Wave	Saturday	2:30 p. m.	12,455 K. C. and 9,958 K. C. and 15,115 K. C.



chastisements in return. The list of chastisements recorded in verses 6 to 11 reveals not only the obstinacy and sinfulness of Israel, but the unremitting and exhaustless love of God. It is a love that will not let the loved one go. And the punishments were all intended to prevent greater chastisements. Yet at the end of each visitation it is stated that they had not returned to the Lord in spite of all His dealings. Note the repetition of "yet have ye not returned unto me, saith Jehovah" in verses 6, 8, 9, 10, 11. We are reminded in this recital of Isaiah 9:13; Jeremiah 5:3; and Hosea 7:10. The repetition by Amos marks the persistent opposition, bringing out forcefully their stubbornness and impenitence. The first calamity was famine which is described vividly as cleanness of teeth and want of bread. God had taken away the material necessities of life to bring them to their senses and to set aright the spiritualities of life. There is no need to seek for a historical confirmation of this in the historical books of the Old Testament, because God did this more than once. One example is to be found in II Kings 8:1. Though they hungered, yet they sought not the Lord in repentance and faith. The second visitation was drought. God withheld rain three months before the time of harvest. This is disastrous. Reference is made to the latter rain of the spring which is so vital for the development of the corn and the grain for a bountiful harvest. But the withholding was not universal: it rained on one city and not upon another. This was purposeful to show that the giving or withholding was not by chance, but by the sovereign act and choice of God. Scarcity of water compelled the inhabitants of the cities visited by drought to go long distances for the necessary wa-

ter to carry on life. Another stroke of judgment was the blasting and mildew, the very judgments predicted in Deuteronomy 28:22 for disobedience to the law of God. Blasting is the effect of the withering east wind from the dry desert. Note Genesis 41:6. In the mildew (from excessive drought, not moisture) the ears became yellow without grain. To climax this a locust plague devoured vineyards, fig-trees, and olive-trees (compare Deuteronomy 28:39, 40, 42). Life was surely being made unbearable from the physical standpoint alone, but the impenitent heart stores up for itself wrath unto the day of judgment. See Revelation 16:21 for the effect of the judgments of the Great Tribulation upon defiant hearts. The sad refrain continues that they did not for all this return to the Lord. Like Pharaoh of old they steeled their hearts the harder against the wooings of God. Next, the plague after the manner of Egypt, where it was native, was sent upon them. Deuteronomy 28:27, 60. And the choice of the manhood of the nation was slain in prolonged and recurring warfare; their boasted cavalry was carried away into exile. So great was the number of the slain on the battlefields that their unburied corpses filled the air with stench. Surely they would turn to the Lord by this time, but the record states that they continued in their obdurate disobedience to the Lord. Lately, Amos recalls that they underwent overturnings and desolations comparable only to God's overthrow of the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Some think reference is made to the earthquake of 1:1, but the information at hand is insufficient to decide definitely. Probably what is meant is a summary of all the previous visitations. Compare Isaiah 1:9. So trying were the afflictions of the Lord's hand that the

had to reckon with the God whom he had defied. Russia was all but under his grasp. He lifted his face to the heavens, the gentlest touch of a snowflake fell upon his cheek. He brushed it away with impatience. He looked up again; some more snowflakes began to fall; he began to curse. The next day the snow came in ever-thickening banks. The third day, Napoleon with his army was hemmed in. And after having lost the staggering total of 500,000 of his men, he rushed headlong back to Paris, reaching the Tuilleries in the astounding time of 312 hours from Moscow; there were no trains, no airplanes in those days, no fast motor cars, but he must have whipped his horses into a brine of perspiration. He used to say that God was on the side that had the largest armies, but he forgot one thing, that God stables His battalions in the skies!

The little paper hanger from Vienna found also that Christ is the Lord of history. In his stupid megalomania he hypnotized himself into the wild phantasma that he and his "master race" were to rule the world. In his demon-possessed soul he plotted insolent defiance against God and against His people Israel. It was to God that he shouted, "I will destroy every Jew from the face of this earth!" There are still a few Jews left on this earth, but Adolph Hitler lies in an unknown spot, the body burned to ashes. It is to braggarts of such kidney that God throws out the challenge of Job 38:8-11:

Who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb? When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddling band for it, And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors, And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?

Yes, Christ is the Lord of history. Here shall thy proud waves be stayed! So far and no further shalt thou come! Hebrews 1:2 tells us, "God . . . hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the ages." So, by God's declaration, the Christ is the Master of the Ages. And there is coming a day when the sound of battle will have been forever stilled. When the shouting and the tumult will have died, when the kings and the captains will have departed into an eternal obscurity. In that day, the heavenly hosts will join in that incomparable pronouncement to the world:

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah. Psa. 24:7-10.

And this King of glory shall enter and assume His place as the rightful heir of the throne of David. There, amid the innumerable hallelujahs of redeemed souls, the four beasts and the four and twenty elders shall sing a new song, "Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people and nation." Rev. 5:9.

#### "WORTHY IS THE LAMB"

And then in antiphonal response will come the shout from the angelic hosts, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing." Rev. 5:12.

Yes, Christ is the Lord of history. And it is this all-pervading fact that this earth of ours needs to absorb into its system in these days of abounding wickedness, world-wide blasphemies, and swiftly approaching storm clouds. This is the meaning of Christmas, if we may use the word at all, and this is the meaning of the birth of the blessed Christ Child nineteen hundred years ago. May the Lord give us a new understanding and a new gratitude for the redemption that has been bought for us from the very foundation of the earth.

So it is that Israel holds the key to ultimate world redemption. And this lends a new glory to the meaning of Jewish Missions. It must never be forgotten that the restored kingdom will be a Jewish kingdom. On the eve of our Lord's birth into this world, the angel announced to Mary, in language unmistakable, "The Lord God shall give unto him the throne of His father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever." And this placing of the throne is not in Moscow, nor in London, nor in Rome, but in the spot where God Himself has declared, and that is on Mount Zion in Jerusalem. He does not yet occupy the throne of David, but God has given the sure promise by His own oath; and God can never lie. So we who labor on together in the high calling to which He has summoned us, to bring to Israel in these last days the message, "Thy God reigneth!", are a thousand times blessed and honored for we shall share in that glory that was promised to Daniel of old, "They that be wise shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever." Do you know of anything that will put you in closer touch with God and in fellowship with His eternal purposes, than to put your hand into His hand, and to ask Him that you may be consecrated as a fellow worker with Him and for Him in behalf of a redeemed and restored Israel? How blind is this world of ours, how unwilling to see things as God sees them, and what a day of judgment awaits the Jew haters!

If we did not know better, we would like to say to each of our readers, "A merry Christmas to you!" But we will not say it, but instead we will express the hope and the prayer that to you will be given a new revelation of the meaning of the coming of the Christ Child into the world; that to you will be given a new love for Israel of old that shall outshine, if that were possible, the activities and the fellowships and the labors of all the years gone by.

Ever faithfully yours in behalf of a poor, blinded, and world-hated Israel,

*Isaiah Hoffman Cohen*

P. S. The year closes as the greatest year of all our fifty-four years of blessed history; greatest in spiritual results, greatest in numbers of missionaries on our staff, greatest in world out-reach, greatest in New Testament and Tract distribution; and if we all give one hearty pull together, for the rest of this month, it will also be the greatest year financially in all our illustrious years of service. Only a few thousand dollars extra will do it! So shall we not all pray that this too, shall be vouchsafed to us?

passage. Suggested translations are "the Rimmon image," "Hadadrimmon," "the mountains of Armenia" "the mountains of Monah," or "palace." With so little evidence upon which to proceed and with such variety of opinions, we do well to avoid dogmatism on this point. Probably what is meant is that in order to facilitate their flight from the enemy they will cast themselves into a certain land or district which they hope will afford them the necessary refuge for the hour. More than this we cannot say, except to add that most recent Biblical atlases know nothing of a site called Harmon. The thought of the prophet, however, is quite clear: exile will be the portion of the pleasure-loving, poor-oppressing, unfeeling women of Samaria.

#### MISDIRECTED ZEAL

Amos turns now from solemn declaration to biting and bitter irony. He invites the whole of the kingdom, not merely the women, to come to Bethel and transgress and to frequent Gilgal and multiply transgression. On the very surface it is evident that the words are ironical, because nowhere in the Bible does God reveal Himself as countenancing sin or inviting to it. Bethel and Gilgal are specifically mentioned because of the manner in which they had perverted the places of most sacred memories to the nation. See Genesis 35:1 ff. and Joshua 5:1-9. Verses 4 and 5 give a true picture of the way in which the people adhered to their idol practices and yet were careful in keeping certain appointments ordained by the law of Moses. They were bringing their sacrifices every morning as the law had commanded. Numbers 28:3, 4. They were adhering to the letter, while transgressing it by their calf-worship. God is here giving them up to their own

idoltrous worship. They were also paying their tithes every three years (not every three days as the American Standard Version suggests), conforming in this also to the regulations of the law. Compare Deuteronomy 14:28; 26:12. There are those who understand the next exhortation to offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving of that which is leavened as contrary to the precepts of the Mosaic law. A study of the Levitical regulations will show that frankincense was laid on the meal offering (Leviticus 2:1, 2, 8), as commanded here, and that leavened bread was commanded to be offered with the sacrifice of thanksgiving (Leviticus 7:12, 13). Thus far all that has been stated shows they were unusually meticulous in the carrying out of the details of the laws for worship. True, their proclamation and publishing of freewill-offerings (see Matthew 6:2) savors of self-will in their worship, for he states definitely that such pleased them. They were intent on ultimately pleasing themselves instead of God (so in Zechariah 7:5, 6). But the emphasis is scarcely on these shortcomings. The words are meant to convey that everything was outwardly in order and done according to law, yet in the doing of them they were multiplying transgression. Why? Because at the same time they were steeped in all the debasing forms of idol worship. God is not pleased with the divided heart, with the limping between two opinions. He is the only God and brooks no rival in worship. Thus, though they were going through the rounds of worship, they were sinning because their hearts were not wholly unto the Lord. See Ezekiel 20:39 and Matthew 23:32.

#### GOD'S JUDGMENTS UNHEEDED

Since their gifts to God were so displeasing to Him, He gives them



## Studies in Amos

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### INSTALMENT IV.

#### Chapter 4. "Ye Kine of Bashan"



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THE fourth chapter of Amos' prophecy begins with the same call to hear which we met in the previous chapter. The address is now directed to the kine of Bashan. Bashan is that territory east of the Jordan River between Mount Hermon and the mountains of Gilead. The kine of Bashan were noted for their well-fed and strong condition, for the pastures of this region were lush. Compare Deuteronomy 32:14; Psalm 22:12; and Ezekiel 39:18. There are some students of this passage who think, although feminine forms of expression are used here, that the nobles of Samaria are meant by the prophet. They hold that the feminine is employed only to show the effeminacy of the aristocracy of the land. We prefer to see, with many others, the luxury-loving and extravagant women of the capital of Samaria in this reference. Such a usage is not contrary to prophetic Scriptures. See Isaiah's denunciation of the wanton women of Zion in Isaiah 3:16-26, as well as 32:9-13. That land is not far from the judgment of God whose womanhood is degraded, and such was Samaria in the days of our prophet. In order to enjoy their luxuries these women oppressed and crushed the poor. The form of expression used shows this was their habitual action. Their lords, that is, their husbands

(Genesis 18:12), they continually urged to provide them with the needs for their drunken revelries and debaucheries. Mark how oppression and idolatry (see verse 4) go hand in hand. Because of such contempt for the will of God and because of the profanation of His name, He swore by His holiness (for He can swear by no greater) that they would be carried off into exile. This deportation is given under the figure of a fisherman catching fish with fish-hooks. They will be helpless and completely at the mercy of their captors. Captives were led by their conquerors by a hook through the nose. See II Kings 19:28 and II Chronicles 33:11 (note the margin of the American Standard Version for this verse); also Jeremiah 16:16; Ezekiel 29:4; and Habakkuk 1:15. The residue mentioned in this passage refers to what is left over from the taking away with hooks, not the posterity of the prophet's contemporaries. In the siege of the city the women, driven on as though cattle, will go out at the breaches of the city walls, broken open by the enemy. Each one will go straight before her, not allowed by the enemy to turn to either side and rushing headlong to escape the terror and death in the city. The latter part of verse 3 is admittedly very obscure. The difficulty arises from the fact that a word is used (the Hebrew "haharmonah") which occurs nowhere else in the Old Testament. This accounts for the numerous and varied views presented for the explanation of the

## Incidents In The Work

### "THERE STOOD A MAN OF MACEDONIA."

("Come over and help us!" is the cry coming to us from all parts of Europe. So, we commissioned Pastor Andre Frankl, of our Paris European Headquarters, to go and "Spy out the land." His task was to contact the leaders with whom, and through whom, we are to function as sponsors for an intensive Gospel program. He went, and he did. And here is an intimate, revealing report of a journey freighted with blessing and service. Read, and give thanks to God for such an opportunity, and for such open doors. Is not this a precious dividend on your investments for Eternity? The letter was written to us in German, and we have tried in the translation to preserve some of the original charm.)

GREETINGS in the name of the Lord! I returned last night to Paris from my trip and found your kind and encouraging letter, dated August 25th. My "Private Secretary" (Mrs. Frankl) had to go to the south of France to visit our child, so I am forced to write this letter in German. It is very important to me that you will be informed about the latest events. Please accept this as the continuation of my report from Switzerland.

#### SWITZERLAND

As I wrote to you already from Lausanne I planned to stay there for two weeks with my wife for a vacation. I did not want to be completely idle, so I decided to make a few visits in the interest of our Mission. I visited near Neuchatel an old friend of ours, a reformed pastor who worked in France for a long time, and who has now been called to Stockholm. His name is Jean Jacques Bovet, and he has proven that he takes great interest in the Jewish work; he also writes articles against Anti-Semitism and refers to the Scriptures for interpretation of the Jewish question. So I went to see this brother and we decided together about the writing of an important book on Anti-Semitism. I will send him from Paris, from my own library, some literature which might be of great help.

#### TESTIMONY TO ZIONISTS

I went on to Zurich, where, I was told the Zionists were holding a conference. I arrived there on the 26th. I was not permitted to attend the Conference but the Word of the Lord cannot be forbidden by human beings. I gave my testimony to some men of the delegation and gave out some tracts. Some of them listened to me, some of them got annoyed, and some of them got terribly angry and even yelled at me. At the station in Zurich I met a group of young Jews, who wanted to travel with faked papers through Switzerland and France to get to Palestine. Those poor ones had more patience with me than their leaders at the convention. One of them, a Hungarian Jew by the name of Gerla, even gave me the address of his relatives in Paris whom he meant to visit if he ever arrived there. I will try to find out whether he did arrive safely. At the Baptist Convention in Copenhagen I met the president of the Swiss Baptist congregation Rev. Pfister, who lives in Zurich. So I went to visit him. He welcomed me very kindly and on that evening, the 27th, I spoke a few words about the Jewish Mission and our work, at his church.

#### NORWAY

The following day, the 28th, I flew across Germany to Norway. Even from the air it is horrible to

see this land of shame. We were two thousand meters high, yet the trace from the bombings could still be seen. In various cities, like Frankfurt and Hamburg, parts of the city seemed like razed away.

I arrived in Oslo in the evening. I made reservation in a Christian hotel and informed Dr. Wainer of my arrival. He called me the same evening to welcome me to Oslo and visited me the next day, August 29th. He makes a good impression on me; he is a small man, slightly stooped, but he has warm and friendly eyes, and good manners. Immediately we became friends. He talked a lot about his work, and assured me that he was very pleased about my visit. I joined him on a few visits. Wainer seems to be loved by every one, many people greeted him on the street. He is a member of a large congregation, but is a friend of many other religious congregations. He introduced me to the Jewish Mission of the Norwegian State Church (Lutheran). They have stations in Budapest and in Roumania. Feinstein in Jassy was helped by this Society. They have now in Roumania Pastors Wurmbrand and Solheim. The President of this organization was on a trip, but the Vice-President welcomed me warmly. This young Pastor Thalberg will become leader of the Jassy Branch, taking over from the heroic Feinstein. He did not get a visa as yet from the Russians to travel to Roumania. He invited me for dinner to his home and introduced me to his wife, and to another pastor and his family. The later one was treasurer of that organization and studied in Strasbourg.

#### STUDENTS LISTEN EAGERLY

At the same afternoon I lectured in the Pentecostal Seminary about the Jewish question, according to the

Bible. The students listened very eagerly and made notes. There were about 35 to 40 young men and women, among them a whole family from Finland, consisting of four persons who are going to Ethiopia as missionaries. The seminary director, a Norwegian, told me that he too would like to go to Palestine to work among our people. The rest of the afternoon I spent on visitations. Saturday, August 30th, I made some more visits, and in the afternoon I had a Conference with some of Wainer's co-workers. There I learned that this group has been established for some time, and that they don't need any financial help, but spiritual help. They would be very glad if they could work together with our French mission. I most certainly agreed to that, and we closed our conference with prayers. All the persons present at this little gathering made a very good impression on me. They are brothers and sisters who are sincere believers, and who wish to work together on the future of our people. The Secretary, a Mr. Gustavsen, told me that there is a definite "Palestine fever" among his people. Their monthly paper "Israel's Budbarer" has a circulation of 5,000 but they have had to raise the publication to 7,000 because the demand is so big. I saw myself, that this paper was being sold in every Free Church I visited in that city. As far as I could see there were no Hebrew Christians among the assembled ones.

Saturday, August 31st, we first went to the Baptist Church to meet the Pastor. Unfortunately he was not there, so I left my regards. The brothers of the Pentecostal community announced my arrival in their last meeting, and invited everybody to come to the meeting where I was to lecture. I arrived at the

Before the rite of baptism, Dr. Cohn asked each candidate, "Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour?" Each one answered emphatically, "I do!" Then, he continued, "Upon the confession of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ I baptize you in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

The next candidate was a Jewish woman who has attended our Tuesday and Friday night meetings in Brooklyn. She has been very ill, and after leaving a convalescent home, asked for baptism. The third friend to confess Christ attended our New York headquarters and was led to the Lord by Brother Serafin. She is a very bright believer in Christ and witnesses for Him at every opportunity. Following the baptisms, Rev. B. Schatkin, our veteran missionary gave a very touching message on Matthew 16, "Whom do men say that I am." Following this message, Dr. Cohn extended the right hand of fellowship to these three Hebrew Christians, and we all sang

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

#### ON THE SIDEWALKS OF NEW YORK

By Rev. Bernhard Schatkin

ONE important phase of our endeavor to reach the vast multitudes of Jews in the Metropolitan area of New York is through the medium of open air street meetings during the Summer months. These meetings are an important feature of the manifold activities of our Mission. The writer, assisted by members of our headquarters staff, participates in these meetings. We have been holding them on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Realizing our total dependence on the Lord for His blessing of grace and courage to face these crowds, some of whom are Atheists, Agnostics and Communists, we regularly meet in the Mission for one hour of prayer. With an ample supply of tracts, Gospels and our Yiddish-English monthly, *THE SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL*, we proceed to the corner of Broadway and 73rd on Saturday evenings, and to 104th Street at Broadway on Tuesday evenings.

The services are opened with prayers and the singing of two hymns. After the reading of a few verses from the Bible, I begin my message; after I am finished, we have a number of testimonies by Hebrew Christians.

Sometimes our Jewish friends listen to the message of the Gospel with genuine interest, sometimes grumblingly, and frequently with bitter hostility; some resent vehemently, that a Jewish Christian preacher shall proclaim the glorious Gospel of the Lord Jesus.

We conclude these meetings on the sidewalks of New York with prayers for the salvation of those who heard the message; we also remember the sick, the poor and the homeless; and always we pray for the displaced Jews in Europe.

All told, twenty-three meetings in the open air have thus far been held. I feel satisfied that God has blessed these meetings. In response to invitations, a number raised their hands for prayers and salvation. We have sown the seed of the Gospel to multitudes of people, and the Lord will give the increase.

"How shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

— Romans 10:15.



Dr. Murray's fight against "Modernism" in the Theological colleges of Canada and his defense of Rev. Perry Rockwood, has brought him a good deal of publicity. He has denounced "Modernism" on the floor of the General Assembly of the Canadian Presbyterian Church. He is an outstanding Bible teacher, and will speak upon the following subjects at our headquarters:

1. Satan's Perpetual Hostility to Israel and the Reason;
2. The Great Day of Atonement (The Scapegoat);
3. Israel's Present Blindness, and the Judicial Sentence;
4. The Present Age;
5. Israel's Future Mission to Mankind.

We invite our friends to share with us the feast of good things which we shall receive at the conference. Note the dates now; there will be other speakers also, from our own staff, as the Lord will lead. The dates, Wednesday through Sunday, January 14th to 18th, 1948. Write us if you wish a printed program.

### A BLESSED BAPTISMAL SERVICE

By Rev. Alexander Marks

IN October, Dr. Cohn told the remarkable story of how the lateness of the departure of the Queen Elizabeth when she sailed the last of April from New York, was used in God's hands as the means for allowing us to share in a most beautiful public testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ. We had wondered why Dr. Cohn was kept in this country a few days longer, and the answer to this question came to us quite promptly.

On Wednesday, the 23rd, a dear Jewess from Europe whom we had the joy of leading to Christ at our

new headquarters in New York City, visited Dr. Cohn and told him that she must be baptized before he left for Europe; "If the Lord should come before you return from your trip," she said, "I would be very much ashamed to meet Him in the air with this commandment of His disobeyed." Dr. Cohn was crowded to the limit in the last minute preparations for his visit to Europe, but he arranged a special baptismal service at the Throop Avenue Branch in Brooklyn for Friday night, April 25th.

We had very little time to make announcement of this special service, yet our Mission was filled with Jewish people; and two other Jewish friends confessed the Lord in baptism too.

The service began with the hymn  
Jesus shall lead me night and day;  
Jesus shall lead me all the way.  
He is the Truest Friend to me,  
When I remember Calvary.

After the prayer was offered, the hymn, "O Happy Day" was sung. Dr. Cohn read Acts 8:26-40. He gave some helpful thoughts on this scripture reading.

The first to be baptised was a Jewish young man who was brought to Christ 12 months ago in our new building in New York. One evening he was looking into our display window, and Dr. Cohn asked if he would like to come inside; which he did. Brothers Needleman and Serafin dealt with him, and led him to accept the Lord as his personal Saviour. Since that time he has been attending the meetings regularly and I have given him Bible instruction in preparation for baptism. On one occasion he went to his father, who noticed the New Testament in his pocket. The father told him he did not want him to come to the house any more, because of his new-found faith.

church at 10:30 and there was quite a crowd. When I started at 11 o'clock the church was filled to capacity. I talked in front of four hundred people about Jewish missions and especially about the American Board. Everybody was most impressed when I talked about Leopold Cohn, his wife and his work, about the present work of the Mission and the European plans. I talked for about an hour, and when I was through the pastor asked me to still tell them more; so I added another twenty minutes to it. I talked in French, but was fortunate to have an excellent interpreter. A few people in the audience did talk French; they probably came through newspaper ads. In the afternoon I took it easy to be ready for 7 o'clock for another meeting.

### STANDING ROOM ONLY

The evening meeting lasted for two hours and there were more people present than in the morning; many had to stand because there were no more seats. My topic was "Experiences in the Jewish work and the following blessings for Gentile people." I asked everyone to help Wainer in work and prayers and promised to support their work too. The meeting was over at 9 o'clock, but I stayed until 10 to answer various questions.

Brother Wainer asked me if we would be able to translate some tracts into the Yiddish language which he wrote, and if we could have them published in Paris. I agreed to that. We also talked about the paper shortage in France which means a big drawback for our publications here. Brother Wainer assured me that his Norwegian friends would be able to help us in this matter. Indeed, Norway is the biggest European paper manufacturer, and one of Brother Wainer's friends

is working in this line and will try to get us an authorization from the government to import a few tons of paper, without paying any duty. Wainer also would like to start sending food packages to our friends in Germany, and wants to start a collection for this purpose soon. I immediately gave him nine addresses and started with a gift of 60 Norwegian crowns.

At 7 o'clock in the morning I took the plane to Bruxelles. Wainer came already at 6 a. m. to say goodbye. It might be of importance that I make another trip to Oslo in January. Many listeners at the meetings asked me when I would return again. The pastor of the First Baptist Church whom I went to see Sunday morning and whom I did not meet at home wrote to me and invited me to talk in his church the next time I would visit Oslo, and also to talk at a few meetings at the Baptist Seminary.

### BRUXELLES

From Oslo I flew to Bruxelles which is on the way to Paris. At my first visit I could not meet the Sisters Hoyt and Sommers. The ladies at this time were vacationing in Switzerland. I took this opportunity to visit them now. I met them both this time, in good health and very busy with the work, and we had a long talk together. I was deeply touched and honored about the way they spoke about you. Richard Wolf is very sincere in his work, and was able to get some addresses from members of Jewish organizations and was just sending tracts to those people. He also translated some American tracts, which will be published in Paris by us. I then returned on September 3d, tired but very happy and satisfied from that long trip, which I started July 15th, to Paris.

## CONCLUSIONS

We have in Europe a very favorable and far-stretched working field. The interests for the Jewish question are aroused everywhere. The Gentiles want to repay what the Jews had to suffer from the Neo-heathens, and will repay with evangelization. In all states there are various efforts at Jewish missions, but the different denominations all want their own Missions. It does not seem absolutely necessary to start our own Stations; very often it is sufficient to show them our good will and help them with tracts and personal visits. We should encourage and deepen our connection with Brother Wainer. These brothers are very well known and with their help we will be able to penetrate into the Scandinavian countries (Norway, Sweden and Finland).

Such trips should be made more frequently in the future, because: (1) The connections formed must be maintained through personal visits. (2) They make known our Mission. (3) The proclamation of the Word of God to the Jews is the biggest task of Christianity. (4) We have to work as long as it is still day; the time of Jacob's Trouble will arrive soon.

## TRAVEL EXPENSES

I tried everywhere to spend as little as possible. To win time I thought it necessary to fly by plane, especially over Germany. I travelled with a Hungarian passport with which it is very difficult to get transit visas from the various occupation authorities. I lived always in cheap but comfortable Christian hotels.

And now my dear Brother, please accept my most sincere thanks, that you made it possible for me to make that trip and that I was able to serve our dear Lord.

## A TEN YEAR JUBILEE

Our faithful and untiring missionary in the Argentine, Pastor Emanuel Lichtenstein, lifts a song of praise, as he recounts God's goodness to him all through the ten years of service with the American Board of Missions to the Jews.

**T**ODAY it is exactly ten years since

I entered the service of the American Board of Missions to the Jews. This important anniversary in my life has been made more important still by my being ordained as a pastor of the United Lutheran Church in my condition as the head of your Mission Station here in Buenos Aires. This solemn act took place last night. All of us see in it not so much a personal tribute to my person, the most modest of the Lord's servants, but rather a triumph of the ideals for which you, dear Dr. Cohn, are so tirelessly contending. I mean especially the high ideal of securing for us, the children of Israel, who are following Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Messiah, the first place in the visible church denominations, which belongs to them according to Romans 1:16, "To the Jew first." In my case it has now been achieved with the wonderful help of the Lord, to be acknowledged as a Christian minister in my position as representative of the most respected Mission among the Jews. In this hour, so very important and inspiring for me, I want to thank you with all my heart, Dr. Cohn and all the members of your Board of Directors, for the kind assistance and great confidence with which you have honored me as the visible signs of the unmerited love you bear me. This love you have never failed to show me during the whole decade that now came to a close. Only this aid without stint or limit made it possible for me to stand firmly under very diffi-

could show them some of the Mission work in slides or moving pictures, like the Camp at Stony Brook or the meetings at Throop Avenue? Visual education is the trend now, and the people come to see pictures, even those who do not come to other services. The thought came to us, while we saw a Mission work from Tennessee displayed in pictures, surely we have a much greater field to show to the people. It is often disheartening how few Christians do really have a vision for our work. With the Lord's help, we do hope to see you in Miami this coming winter, so many of your friends ask us when you will come back to Miami. We will get you pulpits as soon as you give us the "go ahead" sign. And this time we offer you our own homestead, that means, the humble apartment in which we live, at your disposal. And I haven't forgotten how to cook either, my good husband will vouch for that.

With this I will close, please let us hear what you think. In His service we remain faithfully.

## KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE

**O**UR bookroom is always searching out the best by way of new tracts so that you will be kept abreast of the times and have material in your hand to combat the confusion all about you. Here are our latest tracts:—

1. **Jewish Primacy in Evangelism** by Rev. Claude Bunzel. An unanswerable and impressive marshalling of the arguments for the place of Israel in the program which God set up for the missionary activities of the Church.

2. **Have We Cast Away God's People?** By Rev. W. H. Rogers, D.D., a soul-stirring arraignment of the

short comings of the Christian Church in her dealing with the Jew. The authorship by Dr. Rogers is enough to guarantee sound exegesis and incisive Bible teaching.

3. **Has the Church Robbed The Jews?** By Joseph Hoffman Cohn. A reprint of the Salutation Letter which appeared in the January 1947 issue of THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, and which many friends were generous enough to declare the most powerful plea for Jewish evangelization that ever they have read.

4. **What Shall Be the Sign of His Coming.** By Rev. E. Lichtenstein, our missionary in Buenos Aires. This is a setting forth of God's program for Israel, and the prelude to the coming of Christ.

The above four tracts will be sent to you at 5 cents each or 20 cents. The price will be much lower if you buy in quantity. They should be given out by the hundreds of thousands. The Church of God needs a tremendous stirring and awakening. Perhaps He will use you in this direction.

## CANADIAN NOTABLE COMING

Dr. Alexander Murray, of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Sidney, N.S., will conduct our Midwinter Bible Conference, January 14-18, 1948.

**DR. ALEXANDER MURRAY** was born in New Zealand, and following his conversion, prepared himself for the ministry and became a Presbyterian Minister in New Zealand. His preaching regarding God's purposes for Israel aroused comments among the clergy; he was called by some, "Jew-mad." Dr. L. Sale-Harrison, visiting his church, told Dr. Murray's congregation, "your preacher may be Jew-mad, but I am Jew-madder!"



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sick calls (hospital) etc. Once since my ordination already I was called upon to give the last greetings to one of our friends. I hope soon to write about the work in more details to you as usual. I shall not draw the report out too long, but you, Dr. Cohn, know that one of the fountains from which I ever drew renewed strength during the past ten years so rich in work, was the very circumstance that I knew you at the General Headquarters to be in such deep understanding sympathy with the work here.

### AFTER THE HURRICANE

With an "upset stomach" and a near bursting head our good missionaries in Miami "come up smiling" from the devastating cyclone in Florida. Mrs. Sam Berk writes, with evident joy, of God's abounding blessings on a vital testimony in a strategic field.

### DEAR BROTHER COHN:

Thanks to the Lord's care we are fine and we are here to tell you that everything is under control. The Lord just shook His warning finger at men, to again warn them and to make them come to Him to serve Him. But will they do it?

Well, even a small storm like the one we had here yesterday makes you realize how insignificant and helpless we are; just to watch those strong palm trees bend under the impact of the wind, is to get a fair inkling what the wrath of God can be. Even a fearless person with strong faith gets a funny feeling; in my case it upset the stomach and my head was near bursting from the pressure of the atmosphere. While my good husband was singing hymns, I read the 107th Psalm, and got great comfort from it. "Those who go down in ships." Now we

are still without electric light; this is written by candlelight, which does not improve my handwriting. You are indeed fortunate to have your secretary read these letters to you, as I have no illusions about my script, it is bad even at the best.

### ONE JEWESS BRINGS TWELVE

Now about the work, we are happy to tell you that it makes good headway, the Lord gave us another soul for His vineyard, and the one we wrote you about the last time a Mrs. Brown, a Hungarian Jewess, is now attending our local Baptist Church, and is ready for baptism, praise the Lord. She is truly born again, never comes to a service without bringing someone along. The very first prayer meeting she attended, she brought 12 people with her, all kinds, Cubans, Catholics, young and old. It certainly reminded us of Zachariah 8:23. We are planning on our first prayer meeting and Bible study in our own place, God willing, tonight, and are asking the prayers of all the missionaries for this weekly meeting. We had lovely comments from Jewish people for this our work among Jews and Christians; they say that we do create more good will than all the propaganda of the B'nai Brith and other agencies. Of course they don't understand that the "Love of Christ constraineth us", that only in His name and through His help one can be a real Good Will Ambassador. And to think of those ugly letters those Jewish lawyers and the Rabbis wrote to the Mission when you opened the place on 72nd Street, truly blind leaders of the blind.

### MANY OPEN DOORS

The churches here are using us in their meetings and services. Mr. Berk has a number of engagements. Wouldn't it be a good thing if we

cult conditions and not only serve my Mission faithfully during this period but also to continue my theological education.

Rev. Oberly and President Armbruster were assisted in the ceremony by ULC pastors Hammer, Resa, Villaverda Garcia, and Graefe, all of whom serve as assistant preachers in the Station of the American Board of Missions to the Jews in Buenos Aires, and have been enthusiastic collaborators in the upbuilding of our mission work among Israel. At the close of the service I pronounced the Benediction.

All in all I can best characterize the celebration of this day by quoting one of the oldest pastors, Rev. Holz: "In Argentine none of our pastors has hitherto had such an impressive ordination as you did."

During August I did not send my usual reports to you because I knew that after your return from Europe and Palestine you would be completely snowed under with work, and that you would have to prepare for the Summer's End Conference. But I hope you will have found time to read the reports about the last baptisms, which were sent in during your absence. Also at present I am giving uninterrupted instruction to adults preparing for baptism, and also to children, in Spanish, German and Hungarian.

### HUNGARY IN ARGENTINA

On the Hungarian national festival of King Stephen (August 20th) and at the request of several Hungarian friends I consented to conduct a Hungarian service. We thought that a celebration of this date in a Christian manner outside of Hungary would be all the more important at this time because the Russians are making a free development of national and religious life impossible in our home country.

(Mr. Lichtenstein is a Hungarian by birth). And so it happened that far beyond our fond hopes 170 people filled the church at Villa del Parque, many of whom listened to my sermon and the prayers with their eyes full of tears. It was a beautiful and unforgettable celebration in Hungarian. The next service of this kind will be organized, God willing, on the occasion of Reformation Day toward the end of October, and another in the Christmas season if possible. It cannot be doubted that many feel famished for the preaching of the Word in their mother tongue.

### ALSO WEDDING BELLS

In the German services of Rev. Armbruster I continue to lend assistance (every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 11 A.M.) just as Rev. Armbruster helps in our services at the Mission with the same enthusiasm as he did when we began our work. In the last services at Villa del Parque in German we were glad to have an audience of 75 souls. In the Mission our attendance remained steady at from 40-65 hearers, as it had been in other years. A short time ago we had a very impressive celebration of an engagement conducted by me; the couple being two young people that had found each other during their visits at our Mission. We hope that the wedding will soon follow and Pastor Armbruster has promised to conduct the church wedding at the Mission in our regular Saturday afternoon gathering.

### WE PRESS ONWARD

Thus our work is continuing its steady course, also in the Bible classes, Women's meetings, children's classes, services at the Mission, calls at the homes, especially

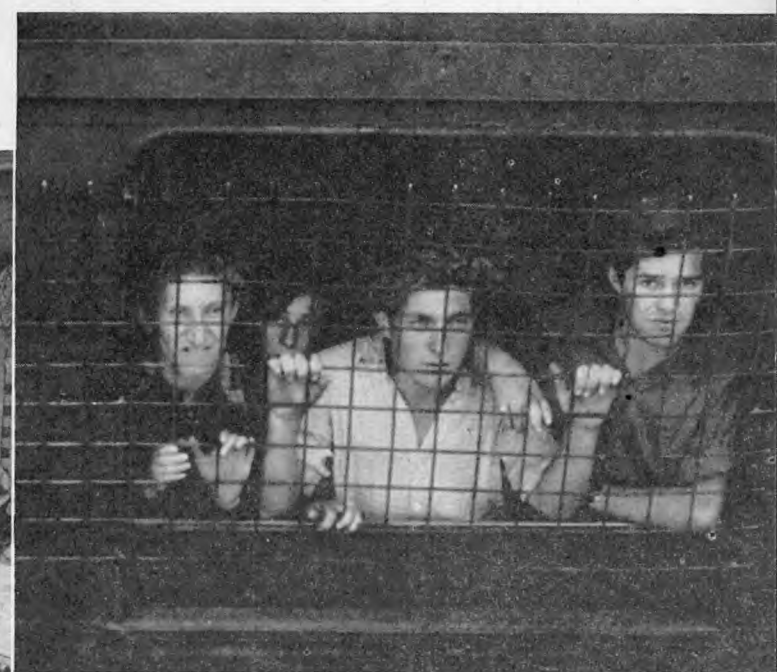
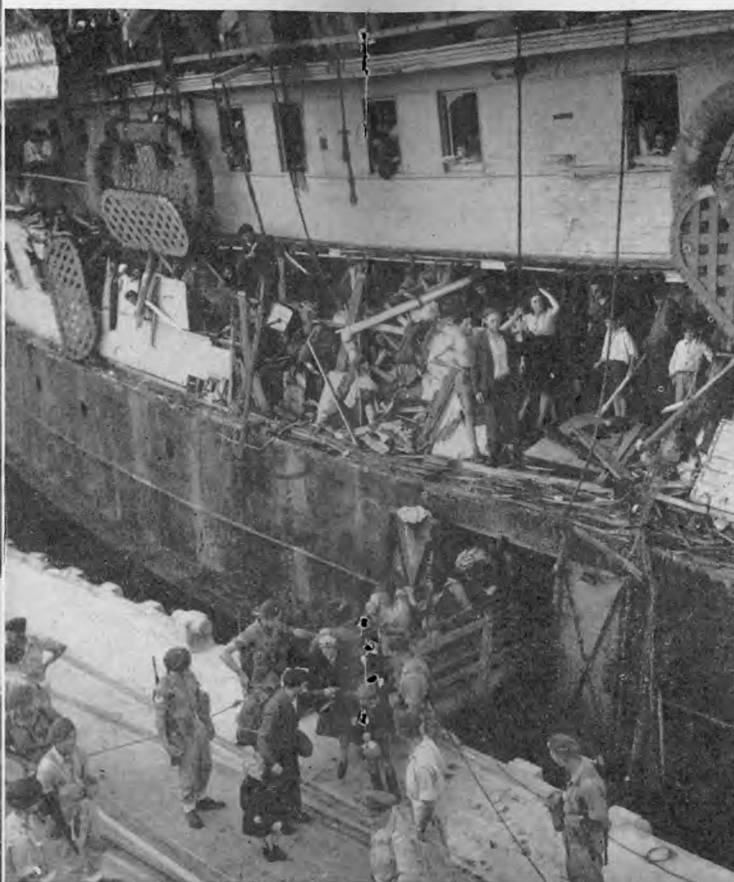
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“Thou feedest them with the bread of tears; and givest them tears to drink in great measure.”

*Psalm 80:5*



“And I am very sore displeased with the nations that are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction.” Zechariah 1:15.



#### DESCRIPTION OF PICTURES

*Upper left:* British soldier holds back Jewish refugees from “Exodus 1947” upon arrival at Poppendorf Camp, Luebeck, Germany. *Lower left:* Bearded Jew points to his luggage as refugees swarm into Poppendorf Camp. *Above:* “Exodus 1947” at Haifa, showing damage caused by British naval forces; women and children taken off first, preliminary to transferring all 4,500 refugees to other vessels for shipping back to France and Germany. The vessel normally could carry perhaps 700 passengers. *Upper right:* First arrivals at Poppendorf Camp, peering out of one of the wire meshed windows of the train. *Lower right:* Group of Jewish refugees leaving railroad station at Luebeck in army lorry for Poppendorf Camp.